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The murine or human ob proteins may be administered to patients suffering from defects or mutations in their corresponding obese (ob) gene, which defects or mutations prevent or interfere with the production and/or function of the ob proteins in modulating body weight. These proteins may therefore be used as a hormone-like substance to control, prevent or treat obesity and its related diseases and conditions in man and animals.

Claim

- 1. Homogeneous biologically active human obese protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 6 and biological activity of said protein being characterised by reducing food intake in mammals and reducing rate of weight gain in mammals.
- 2. Recombinant biologically active human obese protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 6 and biological activity of said protein being characterised by reducing food intake in mammals and reducing rate of weight gain in mammals.
- 3. Homogeneous biologically active murine obese protein comprising SEQ ID NO: 3 said biological activity of said protein being characterised by reducing food intake in mammals and reducing rate of weight gain in mammals.